

Alexandria Gazette.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 12, 1902

We Grow Old in Pieces.

The general impression is that the body grows old uniformly. From birth till the age of twenty-five it grows in size and weight, from twenty-five to fifty it remains stationary, and from that period it decays. Observations of expert physiologists show us that this impression is not a correct one.

Each organ begins to age independently, each has its period for the change, and these periods differ with the various organs and do not take place coincidentally, as we may have supposed. The body attains its greatest size during the third decade and remains in about the same condition during the fourth and fifth decades, that is true, but the brain reaches its greatest size in the second decade, the kidneys reach their maximum size during the third decade, the muscles, skeleton and intestines during the fifth, the heart and lungs in the eighth decade.

Increase or decrease in the size or weight of the body consequently, is not due to simultaneous increase or decrease in all its parts.

The Shark is a Slow Swimmer.

One ill service nature has done the shark—namely, that of placing a triangular fin on his back which acts as a danger signal and gives warning of his approach. Happily the shark has not been gifted with sufficient sagacity to be aware of this peculiarity, for had he been so he would unquestionably abandon his habit of swimming close to the surface of the water and would in that case be enabled to approach his victim unobserved. The shark is a slow swimmer for his size and strength.

Byron observes, "As darts the dolphin from the shark." But Byron was a poet and does not appear to have been a close observer of the habits of inhabitants of the water, or he would have known that a shark would be able to follow in the wake of a fast steamer, and a torpedo boat would be able to give it points.

The Springbok.

A peculiarity of that most beautiful of South African antelopes the springbok is that it always leaps over human tracks. It is at once exceedingly shy and marvellously active, and the reason for this strange antelope is its insidious suspicion of any possible enemies, among whom it has come to recognize man as the most dangerous.

It is not only with human tracks that the springbok goes through this performance, for it does the same with the tracks of lions or even when it gets wind of a lion. The leap is exceedingly graceful, and the animal covers from twelve to fifteen feet at each bound. It drops on all four feet at once and immediately rises again, making a clear spring without any run.

Its usual gait when not pursued is a light springy trot. The springbok usually travels with its nose to the ground, as if constantly on the lookout for the scent of enemies.

Fuebles and the Compass.

Among the Pueblo Indians six points of the compass are recognized, and each has its color. North is yellow, east is blue, south is red, and west is white, the upper regions are many colored and the lower regions are black. All the prey gods are represented by their images in these six divisions.

For example, there is the yellow mountain lion of the north, the blue mountain lion of the west, the red mountain lion of the south, and so on. Likewise it is with the other beasts, and thus a very considerable number of deities is formed. All of them must receive worshipful attention lest they get angry and revenge themselves for the neglect.

Where Amber is Found.

The largest quantity of amber is found on the southern shore of the Baltic between Memel and Königsberg, where it is cast up by the action of the ground swell after the northern gales. It is also found on the coast of Sicily, on the shores of the Adriatic, on the English beach of Norfolk and Suffolk and at Cape Sable in Maryland. Mining for amber in beds of brown lignite or wood coal is carried on in Prussia, and it is found in excavations all over Europe.

The Aromatic Clove Tree.

A peculiarity of the clove tree is that every part of it is aromatic, though the greatest strength is in the bud. Besides the buds, the stems are gathered and form an article of commerce commanding one-fifth the price of cloves and having about the same percentage of strength. To this is due the fact that ground cloves can be purchased in the home market at a lower price than whole cloves.

Trying Situation.

Miss Amateur—Can't you give me a part with more speaking in it?
Theatrical Manager—For what reason?

Miss Amateur—Well, before going on the stage I belonged to a woman's debating club, and not having a chance to say much goes very ill with me—Ohio State Journal.

Often the Case.

"William, I wish you would go and weed out the flower bed."
William went and inspected it. Then he returned.
"It would be a simpler job, Marie, to flower out the weed bed."—Washington Capital.

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A Japanese Superstition.

Writing exhaustively of dragon flies Lafcadio Hearn says in his book, "A Japanese Miscellany," of "the dragon fly of the dead."

"Unlike the equally weird name 'yurei-tombo,' or 'ghost dragon fly,' the term shiro-tombo does not refer to the appearance of the insect, but to the strange belief that certain dragon flies are ridden by the dead, used as winged steeds."

"From the morning of the thirteenth to the midnight of the fifteenth day of the old seventh month—the time of the festival of the Bon—the dragon flies are said to carry the hotoke-sama, the august spirits of the ancestors, who then revisit their former homes. Therefore, during the Buddhist All Souls' children are forbidden to molest any dragon flies, especially dragon flies that may happen to enter the family dwelling."

"This supposed relation of dragon flies to the supernatural world helps to explain an old folk saying, still current in some provinces, to the effect that the child who catches dragon flies will never 'obtain knowledge.'"

How Frederick Stopped Dueling.

When Frederick the Great ascended the Prussian throne, fatal duels among officers were of daily occurrence. He resolved to put an end to the practice, and he did for a time; as long as he reigned, in fact. He issued an edict that any officer fighting a duel and surviving would be shot or hanged.

Two officers appealed to him to be allowed to try to slay each other. Granted on two conditions, that he (the king) should choose the ground and be present at the encounter. Accepted.

Frederick chose the ground, attended the "meet" and took his seat behind the fine new gibbet he had erected in honor of the occasion. The combatants approached his majesty, saw the gibbet, became puzzled and embarrassed.

"What may this mean, your gracious majesty?" they ventured to ask.

"It means this," was the suave reply—"that the man who survives will be hanged as high as Haman on that gibbet."

There was no duel.—Pall Mall Gazette.

People Who Did Not Kill.

The inhabitants of the Canary Islands, the Guanches, were, it is supposed, but the mountain shepherds of a submerged world. Though so strong physically, the Guanches were nevertheless a very gentle race. They rarely made war on one another, and when the Europeans fell into their hands they did not kill them, but sent them to tend sheep in the mountains. So tame were the birds in this happy land that when the Spaniards first landed they came and fed out of their hands.

To kill an animal degraded a man. The butcher was a reprobate criminal and outcast and lived apart, he and his assistants being supported by the state. No woman was allowed to approach the shambles, and in such horror was killing held by these giants that no man could be ennobled until he had publicly declared that he had not been guilty of killing any animal, not even a goat. Their standard of morality was high. Robbery was almost unknown among them.

Maternal Love of the Whale.

No other member of the animal kingdom displays more maternal affection than the whale, especially if its calf is harpooned. The harpooner never throws his harpoon into the little one but the intention of killing it, for if this is done the mother will instantly forsake it. If alive and struggling, however, the dam can be easily enticed toward the boat to meet its fate. Knowing this, the whale fishermen always strike a calf if possible and thus often make captures that could not be effected under other circumstances.

As soon as the dam becomes aware of the snaring of her young she rushes toward it, encourages it to swim away and even assists it by taking it under her fin. She seems to lose all regard for her own safety and boldly attacks the boat containing the whaleren or circles about it totally regardless of the harpoons that are hurled at her and enter her flesh.

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8:30 A. M.	9:30 A. M.
10:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.
12:30 P. M.	1:30 P. M.
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